

**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**  
**ENVIRONMENT, OPEN SPACE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**Special Meeting**  
**April 14, 2003**  
**Ken Lee Building Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Doug Reid      | Michael Beck      |
| Teresa Thomas  | Pamela Bensoussan |
| Stanley Jasek  | Susan Fuller      |
| Theresa Acerro | Juan R Diaz       |
| Allison Rolfe  | Laura Hunter      |
| Frank Ohrmund  | John Chavez       |

STAFF PRESENT:

Ed Batchelder, General Plan Update Program Manager  
Marilyn Pongeggi, Environmental Review Coordinator  
Paul Hellman, Environmental Projects Manager  
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:10p.m. and the Recording Secretary took the roll call.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –  
The motion was carried to approve the minutes of March 10, 2003, without changes.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Chairman Reid invited comments from the public. There were none at this time.

**4. GPU ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDIES**  
The Chairman changed the order of the subsequent agenda items at staff's request and directed the group to refrain from discussing issues until after the three presentations have been completed to ensure that the group gets through the entire meeting agenda within the maximum 2-hour meeting timeframe.

Paul Hellman discussed the focus of this and the next three meetings, the presentation and discussion of 14 environmental baseline studies. He explained that the environmental baseline studies represent a portion of the areawide studies currently being prepared for the General Plan Update. He described the content of the areawide studies and how they will be utilized in the General Plan Update process. He identified the three environmental baseline studies that will be presented and discussed at this meeting, Agricultural Resources, Mineral Resources/SMARA, and Water Quality/NPDES, and distributed a schedule of the upcoming meeting dates identifying the studies scheduled to be presented at these meetings. Paul

turned the meeting over to RECON to present the findings of the three studies on the agenda for this meeting.

Charly Bull of RECON introduced himself and his associate Lee Sherwood.

#### **5. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES BASELINE STUDY**

Lee commenced with presenting the findings of the Agricultural Resources Baseline Study. A committee member questioned whether the portion of the Otay Ranch outside the City Limits addressed in the study is within the City's sphere of influence and how any conflicts between the City's and county's current General Plan update processes would be resolved. Ed Batchelder stated that this area is not within the City's sphere of influence, but is within the City's adopted General Plan Area, and that the city and county jointly adopted the Otay Ranch General Development Plan (GDP) covering areas both within and beyond the City Limits. Ed stated that coordination between the City and county will be necessary to ensure that consistency between the City and county general plans with respect to this area is maintained. Lee concluded presenting the findings of the Agricultural Resources Baseline Study.

#### **6. MINERAL RESOURCES / SMARA BASELINE STUDY**

Charly presented the findings of the Mineral Resources/SMARA Baseline Study.

#### **7. WATER QUALITY / NPDES BASELINE STUDY**

Charly commenced with presenting the findings of the Water Quality/NPDES Baseline Study. A committee member inquired about the lack of specific data and analysis pertaining to the San Diego Bay, despite the presentation and analysis of data with respect to the hydrologic units that drain into the San Diego Bay. Charly responded that he would explore this issue prior to finalizing the study. Charly concluded presenting the findings of the Water Quality/NPDES Baseline Study.

#### **Discussion of agenda items 5 through 7:**

The Chairman requested members to express their questions and issues; Attachment I contains the issues and comments recorded by Paul during this portion of the meeting. Paul stated that an Issues and Policy Implications Report comprised of the issues and policy implications sections of all of the final GPU areawide studies will be prepared by staff.

#### **8. SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETING IN MAY**

Paul stated that the next scheduled meeting date is June 2<sup>nd</sup> which was previously scheduled to offset the regular May meeting date which falls on the Memorial Day holiday. Due to the schedule for completing the areawide studies, Paul requested the scheduling of a special meeting in May. The committee agreed to schedule a special meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to the next meeting on April 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by,

Rabbia Phillip  
Recording Secretary